

**POLICE CHIEF
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **POLICE CHIEF** to be administered in **COVINGTON** on **JANUARY 29, 2007**, will consist of approximately 148 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
POLICE ADMINISTRATION Knowledge of the principles of effective police service administration, involving management theory and organizational behavior, planning and research, productivity evaluation, and risk management.	20.3%
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS Knowledge of accepted practices in personnel management and of the procedures for developing and maintaining an effective employee relations program, including recruitment and selection, performance evaluation, grievance resolution, and applicable provisions of civil service law.	8.8%
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Knowledge of the financial management and planning process of a public agency, including bookkeeping procedures, budget preparation, and overseeing the expenditure of budgeted funds.	4.7%
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS Knowledge of effective information management practices, including establishing policy for and overseeing a system for the preparation, control, and retention of records; and of the information gathering process and compilation of data into an effective written format for correspondence, reports, or other formal department communications.	8.8%
PUBLIC RELATIONS Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public.	6.1%

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CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS Knowledge of the procedures involved in developing and conducting a crime prevention/community relations program to address specific community needs.	6.8%
SUPERVISION Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates, to resolve conflicts, and to maintain discipline.	20.3%
TRAINING Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for developing and implementing an effective training program.	4.7%
MANAGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY/SUPPLIES Knowledge of the management of equipment, property, and supplies for the department, including overseeing general care and maintenance of property and equipment, ordering and purchasing of equipment and supplies, and the preparation of specifications on new equipment for public bids.	6.1%
LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT Knowledge of the procedures for managing and developing policy for the various law enforcement operations of the department, including patrol, traffic, criminal investigations, special operations, juvenile, and jail.	13.5%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES/Better Results Through Teamwork, 777 North

Capitol, Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed., 2005. (NOTE: May also be obtained through **LSU Firemen Training Program**).

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ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICE MANAGEMENT, (Municipal Management Series), International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed., 2003.

POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 7th ed., 2007.

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